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Aloha,

Thank you for your attention.

Resolution 14–2 now before the council is totally without merit and should be defeated

The governance of Honolulu includes, among other things, police and fire departments, parks and recreation, waterworks and sewers, roads and highways.

Instead of trying to combat any perceived deficiency in how families manage their own affairs including the raising of their children, our city should make an extended effort to combat government intrusion into private lives, thoughts and actions.

The city should stick to its job, which it hasn't performed particularly well of late, and not try to extend its influence outside the realm of legitimate governance.

This is still a free country. People must be able to conduct their own lives, make their own mistakes and find corrective action on their own without any help from big brother. People grow up at different rates and in varying degrees accept the responsibilities of adult life. Those who violate our laws will be punished in the prescribed manner.

The idea that government will always care for us and guide us in every detail saps our strength, fosters dependency and erodes individual responsibility. That is to say, people must be allowed to suffer the consequences of their own actions.

Freedom and responsibility are two sides of the same coin. Erosion of one decimates the other.

Please show a proper respect for our citizenry and help to defeat resolution 14–2 cited below.

Mahalo hou,

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<u>RESOLUTION 14-2</u> – URGING THE MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "LET'S MOVE! CITIES, TOWNS, & COUNTIES" INITIATIVE. Urging the Mayor to make the City and County of Honolulu an official partner in the Let's Move! Cities, Towns, and Counties initiative to help combat childhood obesity and encourage healthy eating and living.

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